

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Max Ehlert in the Lower Level Conference Room.

PRESENT	Max Ehlert	ABSENT	David Balagna
	Anita Elenbaum		
	W. Stan Godlewski		
	James Moseley		
	James Peard		
	Thomas Sawyer		
	Stephanie Robotnik, Student Rep		
	Carolyn Glosby, Asst City Attorney		
	Sergeant Thomas Gordon		
	Pat Gladysz		

Moved by T. Sawyer, seconded by S. Godlewski, to EXCUSE the absent member. There was a brief discussion regarding hearsay that D. Balagna no longer wishes to be a member of this committee. T. Gordon will check with City Clerk's Office regarding procedure to remove his name from active list. Motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Moved by J. Peard, seconded by A. Elenbaum, to APPROVE the minutes of the November 11, 2002 meeting as printed. Motion was APPROVED unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **FATEN A and A, INC.**, request **transfer ownership 2002 SDD-SDM** licensed business located at 4835 John R, Troy, MI 48098, Oakland County, from Milo Enterprises, Inc. [MLCC REQ ID #193902]

Present to answer questions from the committee was Miaad Kallabat.

Mr. Kallabat states that he is buying "The Beer Barrel." He plans to make the store his livelihood. The current owners no longer desire to continue in the retail business. Their business is down and the liquor stock is nearly depleted.

Mr. Kallabat has been in business for approximately 18 years in Farmington Hills. He presented a document for the Committee to review. When asked, he stated that he received one minor liquor violation approximately 11 years ago. He does not know the current owners' revenue from liquor sales. He will continue to offer food comparable to the current menu.

Mr. Kallabat stated that initially he does not plan to hire new employees. His two teenage daughters will work with him in the store. Mr. Sawyer questioned Mr. Kallabat about his

daughters working in the store, and Mr. Kallabat stated that they would not be involved in any alcohol sales. He also stated that when his business increases, he would send all new employees for TIPS training.

Sgt. Gordon stated that all inspections of the property were approved and taxes have been paid. His background investigation revealed only one liquor sales violation that Mr. Kallabat mentioned.

Moved by J. Moseley, seconded by J. Peard, to APPROVE the above request.
APPROVED unanimously

2. **MOTOR CITY OF TROY, INC.,** request a **new full year (quota) Class C** license with Sunday Sales and Official Permit (Food) to be located at 1949 W. Maple, Troy, MI 48084, Oakland County.

Present to answer questions from the committee were Talal Kakish and Gjon Thaqi.

Mr. Kakish presented documents to the Committee for review. He stated that he and Mr. Thaqi, along with another partner, own the Motor City Coney Café located in the Cambridge Crossings Plaza on West Maple Road between Crooks and Coolidge. They are a family restaurant currently serving more patrons at lunch than at dinner. They wish to offer liquor in order to compliment and increase their present menu and expand their market. They have been open for one year and have 115 seats.

The owners stated that their operating hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If granted a liquor license, the hours of operations will not change. They have no desire to become known as an “after-bar Coney restaurant,” they want to continue their family atmosphere.

If granted the liquor license, the restaurant will be remodeled with the bar moved to the back of the building. This positioning of the bar further supports their philosophy of a family restaurant with the bar not being the focal point, as is the case in many sports bars.

There was a discussion about outdoor seating, and the owners responded that the developers of Cambridge Crossings have received permission to allow outdoor seating for the restaurants. The owners stated that this is definitely something they plan to explore.

Mr. Sawyer stated that two restaurants in Cambridge Crossings currently have liquor licenses, and questioned whether there was a need for a third restaurant in the same plaza to also serve liquor. The owners responded with statements that, while each of the restaurants in the plaza compliment on another, they are each different in their menu and atmosphere. The documents that the owners presented show a comparison in menu costs between Motor City Coney Café and other Troy establishments.

Sgt. Gordon discussed the availability of a tavern license.

The members of the Committee complimented the restaurant owners on their presentation.

Moved by J. Moseley, seconded by A. Elenbaum, to APPROVE the above request.
APPROVED unanimously

Moved by J. Peard, seconded by T. Sawyer, to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:20 p.m.
APPROVED unanimously

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